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Sir:

Enclosed is a new patent application for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) and 1.53(f) in which the Declaration and Power of Attorney attached thereto are in unexecuted form. A properly executed Declaration and Power of Attorney will be filed within the time period set forth in the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application, unless such time period has been extended by the filing of a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

Related to the above, this application should be associated with Customer Number 7055, which includes the present correspondence address as follows:

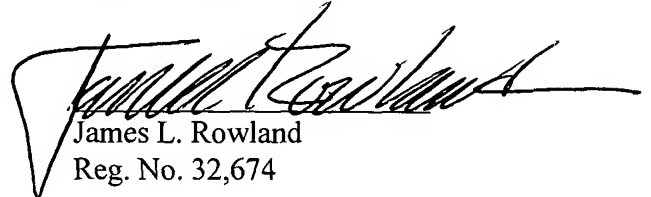
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The above-identified application includes:

- 18 pages of specification with abstract.
- 6 sheets of drawings with 11 figures.
- 16 total claims and 1 independent.
- an unexecuted Declaration and Power of Attorney.

If there are any questions, please contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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